



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 3

Meeting Date: August 25, 2014
Meeting Location: Joy Rose Center
1000 W. Hively Ave.
Elkhart, IN

Council Members Present: Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager DCS; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Linda Cioch, Director St. Joseph County; Erin Shidler, Director Kosciusko DCS; Amanda Herendeen, Kosciusko DCS; Teresa Zornig, Division Manager St. Joseph County DCS; Bill Horton, St. Joseph County DCS; Kristin Ford, Elkhart County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Judge Duane Huffer, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Joe Wine, Foster Parent; Magistrate Deborah Domine; Don Phillips, Bashor; James Pheilbush; Janet Bohner, Elkhart Probation; Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS.

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, DCS; Paige Hamilton, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator; Libby Martin, LSSI; Leah Plank, CAPS; Mike Marchi; Memorial Epworth Center; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Barb Vernon, CAPS; Lisa Zakowski, CAPS; Becky Loth, Lifeline; LaShaunda Parker, Lifeline; Betsy Kuhn, The Villages; James Clifton, The Villages; Jennifer Diaz, FCS; Terry Poindert, Whites, Tess Ottenweller, The Bowen Center; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Shelly Overgaard, YSB; Marzy Bauer, YWCA; Amy Rosen, Oaklawn.

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Meeting called to order at 10:03a.m. by Jamie Pippin.

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 6-16-14 reviewed. Michael Carroll motioned approval of the minutes. Bill Horton seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carried.
3. Community Partners Update. Paige Hamilton reported in Rachel's absence, fiscal year end 100% of budget spent. Last month 259 families were in services, 1047 served CTD. 100% of the local prevention dollars were spent. Local Prevention outcomes reviewed. Region 3 statistics reviewed.

Q. Are we getting screen outs automatically? A. When appropriate the supervisor/FCM is sending from St. Joseph County. Q. Can we see the educational programs broken down by county, Michael would like to see Marshall County. A. Yes, can do.

Paige and Libby will be coming to all team meetings to launch the Gear Up Program. Paige explained the home safety assessment, install, and follow up. Requirements are the same as Health Families. Howard County has had success with the program. Happy it's up and running!

4. Service Update. Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator, reported on upcoming RFP on Sept 1st, and bidder's conference on Sept. 8th for all providers. Changes to service standards should be finalized by the time the RFP opens up and will be posted on website when updated.

5. Regional Budget Update. Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager, reported fiscal year ended June 30th for 2014; \$39,495,448 total Family & Child Fund, of that \$23,270,030 spent on Child Welfare and \$16, 225,418 on Probation. 90.87% of budget spent with a remaining balance. Year to date reviewed; increases seen in all categories with the largest increase seen in preservation services. July FY 2015 reviewed; \$3,321,198 total Family & Child Fund, of that \$1,766,744 spent on Child Welfare and \$1,554,454 on Probation. We do not have a budget yet; normally we do not see it until November.

6. County Updates.

Elkhart – Kristin Ford, Supervisor, making progress on training and on the right track to getting caught up. Supervisor transferred to licensing in South Bend, Four FCM turnovers. Two BSW interns starting.

Kosciusko – Erin Shidler, Director, full staff, shifted from 7 assessments workers 3 ongoing to 6/4.

Marshall – Michael Carroll, Director, reports they are busy with assessments. Lost Pam Whisman to Probation, her replacement has been hired and will start in the middle of the month. BSW intern working with county for one year started today.

St. Joseph – Linda Cioch, Director, Three BSW interns starting, looking to fill two FCM positions and a new attorney position has been approved for the office.

Regional – Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager, QSR areas to improve; assessing the families, and team functions. Building steps on the CFTM to include everyone as best as we can by creating a distribution list so that everyone gets the same information. You will see changes in our process, guiding our case plans to guide our process.

Q. RFP for fatherhood engagement? A. Dion will look into opening up for our region and get back to Jamie.

Erin Shidler motioned to adjourn. Teresa Zornig seconded. Meeting adjourned 10:34 a.m.

Next RSC Meeting – Monday, November 17, 2014, 10a.m. at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1000 S Michigan St, South Bend, IN